



BIO

Born in England in 1945, Peter Wiesner grew up in both East and West Berlin, and since 1954, in Santa Monica, California. He attended Berkeley and earned graduate degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University. Now retired from the IEEE, an international engineering professional association, he was involved in engineering education, producing courseware and video programs for engineers and the general public.

His lifetime interest in films led him to produce numerous television documentaries on social as well as environmental issues. He has published scholarly articles, and *Xtremus* is his first work of fiction. He currently lives with his family in Newtown, Pennsylvania



SUMMARY

Xtremus tells the tale of a tempest in the digital cloud. It's Cybergeddon in Southern California...brains are fried, books buried deeper than did ever plummet sound, and a hacker must undertake a quest. A cautionary tale for the cyber generation, *Xtremus* is a Bildungsroman about the rise and fall of a post-apocalyptic warrior sworn to protect all that remains of the Net.

This dystopian satire is in the aftermath of a cataclysmic demise of technology post-apocalyptic Southern California. Eco terrorists have unleashed a computer virus killing the ruling class whose power and life force were dependent on sophisticated brain implants through which they communicated and held sway

The story follows the quest of Condor, leader of a group of "hackers" who survived Cybergeddon because of the immunities they received, albeit without the firepower of the halcyon days of techno splendor. Condor and other "hackers" are sworn to protect The Well, the only remaining database from the high-technology past that now resides in brains of the Bionicans.

Condor's mission is to determine whether The Well's secret database could be hacked by other survivors outside of Bionica to develop weapons of mass destruction and wreak havoc again. Condor's quest is transformed many times by the women he conquers and manipulated by the woman who finally conquers him.



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